

## **5.24.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:**

- Gov says he brought his friends to the beach today.
- Hospitalizations down, net change down, intubations down.
- New cases (3-day rolling) up "a little bit."
- Deaths on May 23: 109. 82 in hospitals / 27 nursing home.

### **RECREATION:**

- Campground and RV Parks open tomorrow, Monday, Memorial Day.

### **REOPENING:**

- Governor refers to Washington Post story on Florida and California reopenings possibly causing increased spikes in Coronavirus cases.
- MTA will take steps to protect LIRR passengers: add more cars to trains for distancing, as well as increased cleaning. Steps toward LI opening.
- Reminder: mask is mandatory on public transport.
- NY pro sports leagues can begin training camps in state.
- All veterinarian practices will be able to open on Tuesday.
- Six new Nourish NY distributions are scheduled for LI this week.
  - [COVIDPhilanthropies@exec.ny.gov](mailto:COVIDPhilanthropies@exec.ny.gov) for foundations to help.
- Eric Schmidt (former CEO Google) will lead blue ribbon commission on Building Back Better initiative.
- Governor states that government must lead the way in rebuilding / recreating the economy.
- Governor discussed rekindling the ambition behind large-scale projects, mentioning the Robert Moses project, Jones Beach, today's location.

### **Q&A:**

#### **DUBLIN DECK IN PATCHOGUE:**

- DeRosa: rain on Friday, and bar allowed people inside to pick-up food.
- DeRosa adds that people should have been wearing masks.

#### **TESTING:**

- Reporter mentions discrepancy in messaging for getting tested, states people are getting "the 3rd degree" when trying to get testing.
- Governor responds that the acquired data is important. He also stated that capacity is there to test people, but there is a prioritization depending on possibility of infection.

At the close, the Governor stated, "let's all enjoy Memorial Day weekend. Thanks very much for taking the time." No mention of tomorrow's possible briefing.

#### **BULD BACK BETTER BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

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- Darren Walker: Ford Foundation
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